

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1017

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A RESOLUTION to honor The Creel and owner Scott Rogers for many successful years in business.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pride in recognizing those estimable businesses in Tennessee that have served their customers for years by establishing a tradition of quality service, genuine concern for their patrons, and a commitment to their community; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary business is The Creel of Knoxville, which will close its doors for the final time in March of 2008; and

WHEREAS, established in 1984, The Creel remained a reliable source of both sound equipment and immense knowledge for fly fishermen throughout its twenty-four years of operation, as it offered many varieties of rods, reels, flies, hats, waders, and creels sold by an experienced staff who had fished in streams and rivers across the globe; and

WHEREAS, perhaps more importantly, The Creel served many not only as a business but also as a gathering place for friends and a place where in fishermen from all walks of life found meaningful companionship while seated in the wooden chairs beside the shop's front door; and

WHEREAS, Scott Rogers began working at the Creel while he was in college and assumed leadership as the store's owner in 1995; since then, he has maintained the store's tradition of quality customer service, selling the best equipment from manufacturers like Orvis and Sage and teaching many aspiring fly fishermen how to cast and tie flies; and

WHEREAS, having upheld high standards of integrity and excellence for twenty-four years, the owners and employees may celebrate and fondly recall the many years of success enjoyed by The Creel; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we pause to recognize such a wonderful business in which customer service meant a great deal more than simply the exchange of

goods for twenty-four years and which will be sorely missed by its loyal patrons and the Knoxville community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that that we honor and commend the owners and employees of The Creel upon twenty-four successful years in business and express our appreciation for the store's distinct personality in the fly fishing community, even as we wish dedicated owner Scott Rogers a tight line future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.